

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION**

CAROLYN S. HITE,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
Acting Commissioner,
Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

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No. 4:12CV00079-JJV

ORDER

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Application for Attorney's Fees pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412. The Commissioner¹ responded and offered no objection to the fees requested. After careful consideration of the Motion and Response, the Court finds:

1. The hours spent by counsel were reasonable. Therefore the Court approves attorney fees in the amount of \$1,247.75 (8.05 attorney hours at \$155.00).

2. The award of EAJA fees shall be paid directly to Plaintiff's counsel subject to any offset to satisfy any pre-existing debt owed to the United States. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. ----, 130 S.Ct. 2521, 2527 (2010).

3. Defendant shall certify said award and pay Plaintiff's attorney this amount.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 14th day of May, 2013.



JOE J. VOLPE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹Carolyn W. Colvin was sworn in as Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration on February 14, 2013, replacing Michael Astrue. She has therefore been substituted as the defendant in this case pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d)(1).